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FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR LE SY US

SUBJECT: LEBANON

REF: STATE 091848, DAMASCUS 2275

1. ON REREADING PARA 2 DAMASCUS 2275, I UNDERSTAND REACTION. THAT PARA WAS ONLY SLIGHTLY LESS CONVOLUTED THAN THE MENTAL PROCESSES DAOUDI DISPLAYED DURING OUR TWO HOUR SESSION THAT EVENING.

2. DAOUDI WAS GROPING FOR SOME WAY TO UNDERLINE IN THE MOST DRAMATIC POSSIBLE FASHION TO ASAD THAT HE, DAOUDI, WAS PERSUADED USG WAS NOT LINKING ITSELF WITH ISRAELI THREAT BUT SHARING WITH SYRIA OUR KNOWLEDGE OF ISRAELI ATTITUDES. AS A THIRTY YEAR MAN IN THE SYRIAN DIPLOMATIC SERVICE, DAOUDI CONSIDERS THAT AN AMBASSADOR WHO HESITATES TO CONVEY HIS INSTRUCTIONS IS DEEPLY TROUBLED THEY MIGHT BE MISINTERPRETED. HE CONSIDERED THAT TO TELL ASAD THAT HE, DAOUDI, HAD GOTTEN IMPRESSION I WAS HESITATING TO CONVEY THE INSTRUCTIONS WOULD BE BEST WAY TO ACHIEVE OUR DESIRED EFFECT OF GETTING ASAD TO FOCUS CALMLY ON OUR CENTRAL POINT CONVEYING ISRAEL'S APPRECIATION OF SITUATION.

3. TOLD HIM I COULD NOT CONTROL WHAT HE CHOSE TO ADD AS HIS PERSONAL GLOSS ON OUR MEETING BUT THAT HE MUST DO NOTHING TO MINIMIZE

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SERIOUSNESS OF OUR EFFORTS WITH ISRAELIS OR THE CLARITY OF

THE ISRAELI COMMUNICATION TO US IN PARA 3 STATE REFTEL.
SAID I CERTAINLY FELT NO HESITATION ABOUT CONVEYING THAT
INSTRUCTION WHICH WAS FULLY CONSISTENT WITH OUR RECENT EXCHANGES.

4. REFERENCES TO "MESSAGE" IN PARA TWO WERE SHORTHAND IN
DRAFTING. DAOUDI DEFINITELY UNDERSTOOD I WAS NOT MAKING A FORMAL
REPRESENTATION OR CONVEYING A SPECIFIC MESSAGE FOR ASAD.

5. IN DAMASCUS 2275 PARA 2 I WAS SUMMARIZING A LENGHTY DISCUSSION
WITH DAOUDI ABOUT SYRIAN SUSPICIONS OF AMERICAN
POLICY. I MADE POINT THAT AS UNHAPPY AS WE HAD BEEN ABOUT
PRESS WE WERE GETTING HERE, I WOULD BE EVEN MORE DEEPLY
CONCERNED IF I THOUGHT ASAD HIMSELF BELIEVED WHAT HIS
MEDIA HAD BEEN PUBLISHING. AT THAT POINT (ON APRIL 14)
DAOUDI INTERRUPTED TO NOTE THAT, ALTHOUGH I HAD NOT ASKED
HIM TO DO SO IN COURSE OF CONVEYING REPORT TO HIM FOR ASAD
ABOUT BROWN'S APRIL 8 MEETING WITH JUMBLATT, HE HAD IN FACT
TOLD ASAD OF OUR UNHAPPINESS ABOUT THE TISHRIIN
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